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"Iowa History 101" Mobile Museum



The "[Iowa History 101](#)" mobile museum has been traveling the state for 115 days, making stops at 49 events in 35 cities across 27 counties!

"Iowa History 101" explores the history of Iowans at home, work and play – and how that shapes who we are today. Like a visit to your grandparents' attic, this exhibition unpacks the stories of Iowa's past with dozens of artifacts from the State Historical Museum of Iowa's collection.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to bring the mobile museum to your community. The mobile museum is a great addition to community festivals and events or as a learning experience for school groups. We are now [accepting visit requests](#) for 2018 and 2019 to counties the museum has not yet visited.

Right: Glenda Mulder, director of the Laurens Public Library, puts Laurens on the "Iowa History 101" map.



Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime

[Goldie's Storytime](#) program invites the youngest club members and their families to listen to a short story and then examine artifacts and exhibits related to the story. This program is recommended for "Goldie's Hatchlings," children 5-8 years old. Registration is open for the first Storytime program, on Sept. 20. [Join for free today!](#)



National History Day Kickoff

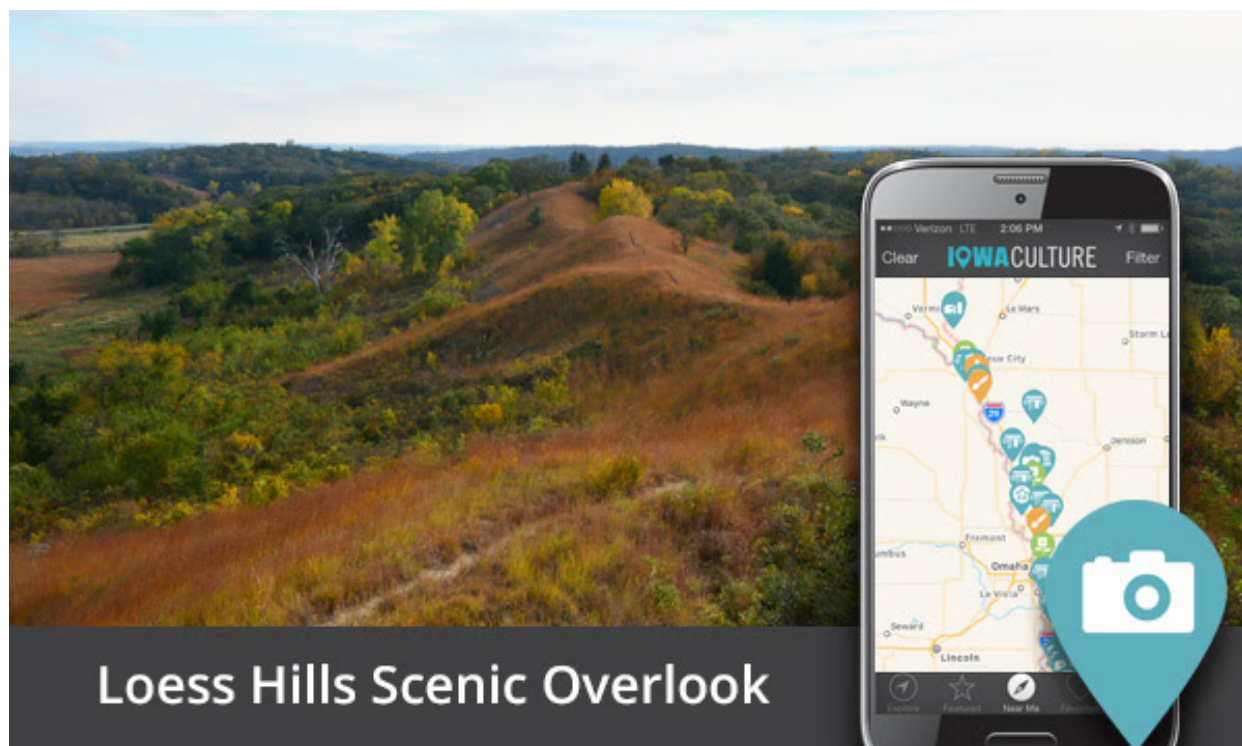
Are you interested in National History Day? Participating students apply critical thinking skills and use research methods to create a project incorporating this year's theme – Conflict and Compromise in History. [This year's kickoff](#) will introduce the theme with a panel about Iowa's controversial transition from six-on-six basketball. [Register by September 29](#) to attend.



Iowa's 'Other' State Fair is 100 Years Old

The Clay County Fair, in Spencer, is [celebrating its 100th birthday](#) this year, Sept. 9–17. The event annually draws more than 300,000 people, making it one of the largest county fairs in the United States. Its record for attendance is 334,575 set in 2013.

Fairgoers looking to add some history to their experience can look for the State Historical Museum of Iowa's new traveling exhibit called "[Iowa History 101](#)." It will open to fairgoers Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 14–17.



Loess Hills Scenic Overlook

Fall is a great time to enjoy one of the best views of the Loess Hills. Download the [Iowa Culture app](#) to guide you to the overlook nicknamed "The Spot" by Walter Ordway Jr. An Iowa native, Ordway was instrumental in developing the Loess Hills Scenic Byway. The Loess Hills are a unique landform found only in China and western Iowa, where they were created 14,000 years ago by strong winds that swept silt from the Missouri River Valley flood plain into clouds of dust and deposited them into rugged bluffs.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

"Iowa History 101" Mobile Museum

Sept. 14-17 – [Spencer, Clay County](#)

Oct. 4-8 – [Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County](#)

Oct. 12-15 – [Waverly, Bremer County](#)

[View all scheduled visits.](#)

Programs

Sept. 17 – [Wild West Games at Western Historic Trails Center](#)

Sept. 20 – [Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime](#)

Sept. 24 – [Union Sunday School Concert Series](#)

Oct. 4 – [Goldie's Kids Club: History Makers](#)

Oct. 6 – [National History Day in Iowa Kickoff](#)

Oct. 7 – [Woodland Cemetery Tour](#)
Oct. 18 – [Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime](#)
Oct. 28 – [Halloween at American Gothic House](#)
Oct. 29 – [Union Sunday School Concert Series](#)
Nov. 1 – [Goldie's Kids Club: History Makers](#)
Nov. 15 – [Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime](#)
Nov. 18 – [Goldie's Kids Club: History Mystery](#)
Dec. 2 – [Gingerbread House Decorating at American Gothic House](#)
Dec. 6 – [Goldie's Kids Club: History Makers](#)
Dec. 20 – [Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime](#)
Jan. 13 – [Goldie's Kids Club: History Mystery](#)

Conferences

Oct. 6-7 – [Country School Preservation Conference](#)
Oct. 18-20 – [Iowa Library Association Conference](#)
Oct. 20-21 – [Iowa Genealogical Society Conference](#)
Nov. 14-17 – [PastForward Preservation Conference](#)